

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AMERICA

MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2010



FIRST CLASS (Blue cards required)

March 7, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Lesson 17

April 11, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Lesson 18

April 24, Saturday, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Class study
of the Easter Festival

May 2, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Lesson 19

THE "RING CYCLE" OF RICHARD WAGNER LOS ANGELES SPRING BRANCH STUDY

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

March 13, April 10, May 8, June 5

"In *The Ring of the Nibelung* and *Parsifal* we witness, powerfully presented, great riddles of humanity's existence." (Rudolf Steiner, *Supersensible Knowledge*)

This study explores Richard Wagner's *Ring* cycle and *Parsifal* from the perspective of spiritual science. Together, we will study how these operas both portray and nurture humanity's evolution toward freedom and love. We will give particular attention to the eloquent new musical language that Wagner created to convey this cosmic drama. Our March 13 session will focus on *Die Walküre*, April 10 on *Siegfried*, May 8 on *Götterdämmerung*, and June 5 on *Parsifal*.

We offer this study in the hope that it will be a helpful contribution to the 2010 "Ring Festival" activities in Southern California. Please participate in as many of the study sessions as you can, and invite your friends to come too.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

March 14, Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

The annual general meeting is an important event in the life of our Branch. There is vital business for us to conduct, such as the consideration of our Branch's financial health and election of Branch officers, and there is also a focus on spiritual work.

This year's meeting will have a special element, a festive thank-you to Rachael Flug and Abraham Entin for their many contributions to our community. Rachael and Abraham are moving to Northern California. This springtime gathering is an opportunity for each of us to let them know in person how grateful we are, and to wish them well.

SPIRIT OF AFRICA BENEFIT EVENT A FUNDRAISER FOR THE CENTER FOR THE ART OF LIVING IN AMERICA

March 26, Friday, 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. for members and
friends 13 years and older

Guest speaker Elaine Upton is a Shakespeare scholar and an award-winning poet with extensive experience teaching mixed race children in Pretoria. Truus Geraets will show slides on working with Waldorf education in black townships and rural areas in South Africa.

Suggested donation: \$15 per person, \$8 for students

March 27, Saturday, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. for friends, parents,
children and families

African Puppet show
Learning an African song
Exhibits of photos
African tribal dolls, cards and videos for sale

Entrance fee \$25 per family, which includes African refreshments

NICODEMUS: AN EASTER CONTEMPLATION

BY LINDA CONNELL

April 3, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Who is Nicodemus, who "came to Jesus by night"? What was his role in the Easter events, and what became of him afterwards? Nicodemus was just one of the many significant personalities surrounding the Christ at His crucifixion. Linda Connell will share what is known about this mysterious figure from scholarly sources in the light of the work of Rudolf Steiner.

Linda Connell is a member of the Western Regional Council of the Anthroposophical Society. She conducts a weekly study group on Rudolf Steiner's basic books in the Rudolf Steiner Community Center. Professionally she works part-time as a legal administrator.



THE ART AND LIFE OF ERNST HAECKEL

PRESENTED BY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE LITERARY ARTS AND HUMANITIES SECTION

April 17, Saturday, 2:00 -- 4:30 p.m.

"He was a fascinating person, whose eyes gave the impression of looking into the world with naïve gentleness....If he had developed only this one aspect, he could have revealed something profoundly human and interesting. But in a corner of Haeckel's soul, there were certain insistent, assertive, and stubborn ideas." (Rudolf Steiner, *Autobiography*)

Best known as the great champion of Darwin's work, Ernst Haeckel (1834-1919) also was a very gifted artist. He coined the term "ecology". Rudolf Steiner, who often spoke and wrote about Haeckel, indicated that there is a profound connection between Haeckel's thought and the ideas in *Occult Science*.

This event will focus on key aspects of Haeckel's life and art, including his karmic biography. We will begin in the Rudolf Steiner Community Center, and the second part of the event will take place in the Huntington Library and Gardens.

* The higher amounts support both the events and Branch needs.

RUDOLF STEINER BROUGHT THE NEW MYSTERY KNOWLEDGE AND THE WISDOM TO HEAL MODERN SOCIAL LIFE

A WEEKEND CONFERENCE WITH STEPHEN USHER

April 30, Friday, 8:00 p.m.

May 1, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday evening **Rudolf Steiner's Spiritual Scientific Research into the Nature of Time**

This lecture will explore earthly time in the passing moment, the astral world with its backward time process, and the higher spiritual worlds that exist in the state of duration or eternity.

Saturday morning **The Double and the Guardian in World Literature and in the Spiritual Scientific Research of Rudolf Steiner**

In this lecture Dr. Usher will explore the double in world literature and the two Guardians in the works of Rudolf Steiner. World literature contains interesting references to the double, and the double also is discussed on the Internet. (Try searching for "Doppelgänger.") Rudolf Steiner describes the double in great detail in his books and lectures. He explains that meeting the double (or Lesser Guardian) is a milestone on the path of knowledge. Meeting the Greater Guardian is another milestone on the path of higher knowledge.

Saturday, afternoon **The Threefold Social Organism: Exoteric and Esoteric Aspects**

One can look at the present economic and social crisis of mankind from many perspectives. A significant perspective concerns how human beings motivate themselves to work. Rudolf Steiner's Threefold Social Organism can be understood as a way to change work motivation. Dr. Usher follows the thread of human motivation in economic life, starting from deeply esoteric considerations and proceeding to a more exoteric picture of how a Threefold society would heal human beings and civilization.

Suggested donation:

Entire conference: \$40/*\$50

Fri. \$20/*\$30; Sat. \$30/*\$40

Stephen Usher is well known in the Anthroposophical Movement for his numerous articles on Anthroposophical topics and for his lecturing activity. He met anthroposophy in Ernst Katz's physics class at the University of Michigan, where he received BA and MA degrees in mathematics and a Ph. D. in economics. After working for several years at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Stephen served as managing director of the Anthroposophic Press and was for 11 years after that a VP in an internationally known economic consulting firm. In 2001 Stephen and his wife Beth moved to Keene, NY, in the Adirondack State Park, where they facilitated study groups and summer conferences. In 2005 they moved to Austin, Texas, where they participate in Novalis Branch activities.

CONTINUING CLASSES WITH KO AND LYNN

PAINTING CLASSES WITH KO HAWKES

"7 Fairy Tales, 7 Planets and Their 7 Metals"

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

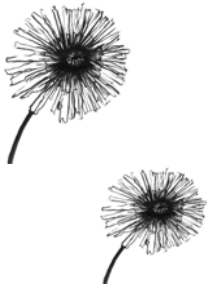
March 20, April 17, May 15, June 12

The imaginary pictures which are stimulated by fairy tales open our hearts as we contemplate their deeper esoteric meaning. Our discussions after the painting combine our feeling forces with forces of thinking. It will be a very illuminating series of wet-on-wet painting. No experience is necessary and all are welcome.

Materials and refreshments will be provided.

Please call Ko Hawkes at 626-794-0852.

Suggested donation: \$20-\$25/ *\$30-*\$35 per session



EURYTHMY WITH LYNN STULL

9:30 a.m. to noon on the following Saturdays:

March 27 on Freedom April 24 on Community

May 22 on Wisdom June 19 on Joy

Each month we will explore how, through eurythmy, we can nurture and cultivate a specific soul quality in ourselves. Come to one or all as each is a 'stand alone' fun-shop and need not be taken sequentially. The only prerequisite is the ability to be open to having FUN!

Suggested donation: \$15-25 / *30

All donations will be used to purchase copper rods, eurythmy shoes, and silk veils for the use of Branch members & friends at the RSCC.

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ROOTS OF THE NEW MOVEMENT ART, EURYTHMY

"Whoso danceth not knoweth not what cometh to pass..."
(The Acts of John 95)

LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION-WORKSHOP WITH INTERNATIONAL EURYTHMIST AND POET GAIL LANGSTROTH

May 28, Friday, 8:00 p.m.

May 29, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-- 4:30 p.m.

As a teacher and scientist of the invisible, Rudolf Steiner deeply respected the freedom of his students and co-workers, and throughout his years of research and work within Anthroposophy, he himself raised the possibility of a new initiative only once. On a beautiful spring day in May 1908, while lecturing in Hamburg, Germany, on "The Doctrine of the Logos," Dr. Steiner asked Margarita Woloschin, "Can you not dance this?"

What is the significance of his question in relationship to the biographies of Eurythmy and Anthroposophy?

In the form of an artistic, unorthodox lecture, we will begin the weekend by looking at the spirit-roots of this art, its placement within Dr. Steiner's perceptions of the **I AM** as expressed through the Gospels according to John and Mark. Accompanying the Friday evening lecture will be a demonstration of the 150th Psalm in Hebrew.

Saturday's movement workshops will provide an opportunity to experience through simple group movement the distinct Greek of Mark and John as well as the prophetic Hebrew of Isaiah.

Eurythmy will aid us in awakening the Word and Song of our own **I AM**.

Come celebrate the gifts that Eurythmy can bring to us. No knowledge or experience is needed. We will begin at the Beginning! **ARCHE!**

Gail Langstroth

American-born poet / eurythmist Gail Langstroth brings her 40 years of experience as an international performer and teacher to her work. Intensive theological studies in Hamburg, Germany (2002-2005) deepened her perception of "The Word, its Source, and Substance." Gaill is also known as a tri-lingual lecturer on: *Juan Ramón Jiménez* and *The Unicorn Tapestries*. Presently living in Baltimore MD, she is studying for her MFA degree in poetry at Drew University, Madison NJ.

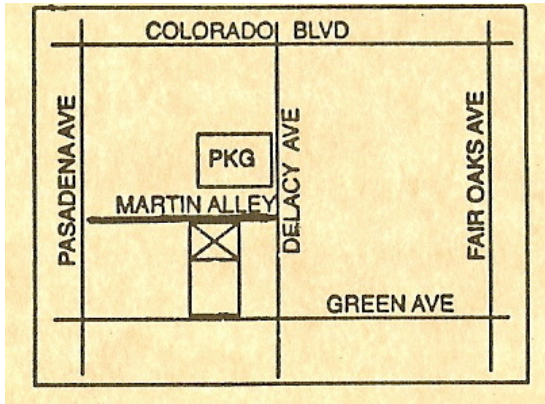
Suggested donation:

Workshop \$30/*\$40

Fri. \$15/*\$20; Sat. \$25/*\$30

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RUDOLF STEINER LIBRARY AND BOOKSTORE

All lectures and books of Rudolf Steiner which have been translated into English are in stock in our bookstore, together with works of many other anthroposophical authors.

Do come browse

Open Wed. and Sat., 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tel. 626-578-7513

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Drawing of capital motif from the Goetheanum by Rudolf Steiner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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